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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

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IN MY MEETING TODAY WITH DR. GOH ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE MENTIONED
GOS DESIRE REACH QUICK SETTLEMENT OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES
WITH COLT AND AGREEMENT TO SALE OF 50,000 M-16'S TO THAILAND.
FINANCIAL PROBLEM, HE SAID, HAD BEEN CAUSED BY HEAVY LOSSES BY
CHARTERED INDUSTRIES OVER PAST TWO YEARS, BUT GOS HAD NOW
BAILED THEM OUT AND THEY WERE IN POSITION SETTLE WITH COLT
IMMEDIATELY. HE SAID GENERAL KRIANGSAK HAD MADE URGENT REQUEST
FOR 50,000 RIFLES AND GOS ANXIOUS ACCOMMODATE. HE SAID HE WAS
AWARE OF REQUIREMENT FOR COLT TO GET ADVANCE APPROXAL FROM
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HE WOULD ASK COLT TO PROCEED AS SOON AS
HE COULD MEET WITH COLT REPRESENTATIVE.

BANGKOK MAY WISH TO COMMENT, BUT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW WE SEE
NO REASON WHY SUCH A REQUEST SHOULD BE DENIED. WE HOPE, THEREFORE,
DEPARTMENT WILL PROCESS REQUEST, IF RECEIVED, EXPEDITIOUSLY.
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